



How To Make Comparisons in Spanish

To understand how to make comparisons in Spanish, it is important to understand that making comparisons about adjectives, nouns, or verbs all have some differences. Let's take a look.

Comparisons of Adjectives

Roberto es más alto que Martín. Más + Adjective + Que (Roberto is taller than Martín)

Martín es menos alto que Roberto. Menos + Adjective + Que (Martín is less tall than Roberto)

Sergio es tan alto como Roberto. Tan + Adjective + Como (Sergio is as tall as Roberto)

If I said that Roberto is not as tall as Sergio, Sergio would obviously be taller than Roberto.

Comparisons of Nouns

En Londres hay más habitantes que en París. (In London there are more people than in París)

En San Francisco hay menos habitantes que en Chicago. (In San Francisco there are less people than in Chicago).

The difference appears when we make a quality comparison, because we have to use Tanto/a/s according the noun.

En Berlín hay tanto turismo como en Amsterdam. (In Berlín there is as much tourism as in Amesterdam)

En San Francisco hay tantos bares como en Chicago. (In San Francisco there are as many bars as in Chicago).

En Nueva York hay tanta polución como en Los Ángeles. (In New York there is as much pollution as in Los Angeles)

En Argentina hay tantas rutas como en México. (In Argentina there are as many routes as in México)

Comparisons of Verbs

Enriqueta come más que Laura. (Enriqueta eats more than Laura)

Laura come menos que Enriqueta. (Laura eats less than Enriqueta)

Camila come tanto como su novio. (Camila eats as much as her boyfriend)

We are going to practice doing a comparison between 2 imaginary cities:
Medano and Ruibal.

Medano es una ciudad más ruidosa que Ruibal. En Ruibal hay menos discotecas y bares que en Medano. Ruibal es una ciudad donde hay más casas bajas que en Medano. La gente en Ruibal disfruta más de las mañanas que las personas en Medano, porque en Ruibal la gente sale menos por la noche. En Ruibal no hay tantos jóvenes como en Medano, ya que muchos jóvenes van a Medano para disfrutar de la vida nocturna. Además en Medano hay más universidades que en Ruibal.

Vivir en Medano es tan caro como vivir en Ruibal, porque ambas ciudades tienen gran demanda de alquileres. Sin embargo, el estilo de vida en Ruibal no es tan caro como el estilo de vida en Medano, porque la gente no necesita gastar mucho, hace vida sana y es más casera que la gente de Medano.

(Medano is a city noisier than Ruibal. In Ruibal there are fewer clubs and bars than on Medano.)

Ruibal is a city where there are more homes than in Medano. The people in Ruibal enjoy the morning more than the people in Medano, because people go out less in Ruibal at night. In Ruibal there are as many young people as in Medano, because young people go to Medano to enjoy the nightlife. Also in Medano there are more universities than in Ruibal. Living in Medano is as expensive as living in Ruibal, because both cities have high demand for rentals. However, the lifestyle of Ruibal is not as expensive as the Medano lifestyle, because the people don't need to spend that much, they live a healthy life and are more friendly than the people from Medano.)

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